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## U.S. FIRMS DENY GERMAN CHARGES OF MUNITION SELLING BRITAIN MAY SUGGEST AMERICA BUY TEUTON SHIPS NOW IDLE

### LOCAL HARBOR FUND CUT OUT; WORK MENACED

Item of \$200,000 For Important Dredging at This Port Is Dropped

IMMEDIATE ACTION AT WASHINGTON IS NEEDED

Chamber of Commerce Committee Taking Interest; Meeting is Called

Unless immediate representations are made at Washington, D. C., Honolulu harbor will not be included in the rivers and harbors bill and will receive no appropriation for maintenance for the coming fiscal year.

A letter has been received by Raymond C. Brown, secretary of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, from Prince Kuhio, Hawaii's delegate to Congress, stating that the committee submitting the bill at Washington pruned the Honolulu appropriation out of the measure and that it probably will be passed by Congress without provision for the local harbor unless steps are taken to restore the appropriation.

As a result a special meeting of the committee on maritime affairs was called at the Chamber of Commerce rooms this morning. After an hour's discussion the meeting adjourned until tomorrow for action. At tomorrow's meeting a definite program for the restoration of the Honolulu appropriation to the bill may be worked out and immediate steps ordered.

The policy of the present national administration of starting no new projects and using available funds for completion of old work, is given as the reason for Honolulu harbor being left out of the bill.

**Kahului Gets \$10,000.**  
The only item of local interest carried in the bill is \$10,000 for maintenance of Kahului harbor. The sum of \$200,000 was asked by local army engineers for extensive dredging of the coral shoals on the Quarantine Island side of Honolulu harbor, and this is not included.

Some dredging in Honolulu harbor will be done in the near future, however, under an allotment of \$50,000 which has just been made available, out of a total appropriation of \$20,000,000, which was given in a lump sum to the chief of engineers for necessary improvement work. The dredging will be done on the Honolulu side of the harbor, and will widen and improve the channel considerably for its entire length. Specifications for this dredging will be issued from the office of the district engineer officer, Lieut.-Col. Brown, on January 11. Bids will be opened February 15 at 11 a. m.

From the \$20,000,000 total there also has been allotted for Hawaii \$10,000 for Kahului harbor, so that if the rivers and harbors bill goes through there will be a total of \$20,000 for Kahului. This must last until June 30, 1916, but it is estimated that the sum will be ample to keep harbor and breakwater in repair under ordinary conditions.

For Hilo breakwater there is still \$443,000 available, but as there has been a long delay in the work none of this is being paid out.

The importance of immediate action probably will be brought before other commercial organizations of the city at regular and special sessions.

### JAPANESE FOUND DYING IN TRACKS; THOUGHT SUICIDE

Despondence over a long illness is believed to have caused Honma, a Japanese plantation laborer, to attempt suicide late last night. Honma was found a short distance from Wai-pahu railway station, with one arm off above the elbow and the other bruised. He was taken to Wai-pahu plantation hospital and is expected to die.

The Japanese is believed to have attempted either to board or throw himself in front of one of the Oahu Railway passenger trains that left Honolulu before midnight.

Several Hawaiian fishermen passing along the track came upon the injured man, sitting upright, though unconscious, early this morning. They immediately summoned Deputy Sheriff J. Fernandez. A report also was made to the general office of the railway company, and Superintendent George

### SIX HOURS IN JAIL AND EMPTY STOMACH CAUSE MURATA TO OBEY COURT

Six hours in jail brought deep contrition to the heart of Murata, the Japanese elevator boy of the Blaisdell hotel, who was given a 30-day sentence by Judge Whitney because he refused to produce the clothing of his wife when she left him and brought suit for divorce. At the end of six hours, about dinner-time last evening, Murata sent word to Judge Whitney that he was ready to do anything to atone if he could gain liberty.

Accordingly, the judge ordered his release temporarily, and further relented by ordering the commitment vacated this morning when Murata faithfully promised to produce all his wife's belongings in court tomorrow. In place of his pronounced "cocky" demeanor of yesterday Murata today presented a man of deep humility. He abjectly begged the court's forgiveness and declared he would hereafter "be a good boy, and do just what the court ordered him to do."

### MUCH-NEEDED CHANNEL TO KALIHI HARBOR IS LIKELY TO BE DELAYED

There is little chance that the Kalihi harbor project will be considered by Congress at this session, no matter how urgent the appeals from local commercial sources, or how strong the endorsement from army engineers. Congress is appropriating for no big harbor improvement projects, and those in Washington who have been working in the interests of the local improvement have been given to understand this very distinctly.

The Kalihi project is now before the rivers and harbors board, and there it is likely to remain for some time to come. The estimated cost of the improvement is \$1,779,000, and this sounds like too much real money to be expended just now, according to Washington advisers.

### HUSBAND DESERTS HER WITH TWO CHILDREN, FAR FROM MAUI HOME

With two small children depending upon her for support, and with but a scant remainder of \$3 to provide food for them, a Hawaiian woman applied for assistance at the office of the Associated Charities this morning and informed the officials that her husband had deserted her and gone to Maui. The woman was given food and may be sent with her children to her former home on Maui.

According to the woman's story she came to Honolulu from Maui with her husband about five months ago, and went to live in alihi. A few days ago, she says, her husband went away from home, leaving her \$3 with which to support herself and children until his return. Later, she learned that he had gone to Maui, and that he probably never would come back to Honolulu. The woman says that she has no relatives other than her husband and children. She told the charities officials that she would be willing to go back to Maui, and her passage probably will be arranged for on the next steamer.

### SHERIFF TOURS ISLAND TO INSPECT JAILS AND MEET SUBORDINATES

To make an inspection of all city and county jails and to meet the staff of deputy sheriffs and police officials, Sheriff Charles Rose, accompanied by Supervisors Horner and Ahia of the police committee, is making a tour of the island today.

It is expected that following his return the sheriff will submit a number of recommendations to the board of supervisors. He will also take advantage of an opportunity to instruct the newly appointed deputies in their duties.

Sheriff Rose will assist Deputy Sheriff Pieman in conducting an inquest over the body of a Japanese fisherman, found some days ago washed up on the shore near the Haleiwa hotel.

### DOUGHERTY TO COMPLETE CARNIVAL COMMITTEES

James D. Dougherty, director-general of the Mid-Pacific Carnival, announced today that he will announce in the immediate future the appointment of the remaining chairman of committees to handle the various events of the celebration. At a meeting of the Carnival directors yesterday afternoon, a budget prepared by Mr. Dougherty covering the estimated expense of each feature was adopted and the director-general authorized to proceed with his original plans.

P. Denison immediately went to the scene to investigate.

Trammen say that they did not see the man on the track, which has led the railway officials to believe that he may have attempted to throw himself under the wheels.

The Erie railroad will increase its repair shop forces.

### WHARF-TAX LAW WILL BE ASKED OF LEGISLATURE

Harbor Commissioners See Urgent Need of Additional Income From Freight

CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION DESIRED; TO BE COSTLY

Deterioration of Wooden Structures Said to Prove Necessity of Permanent Type

The harbor commission again will ask the legislature to enact a wharfage-tax law fixing a tonnage rate on incoming freight, to be paid either by the shippers or consignees. It is the preparation of the data on which the commissioner's argument is to be made that is in preparation now, and they figure that this data will prove their most powerful ally.

The proposition briefly is that the commission wants the territory to realize a larger income from its wharves, to enable it to construct concrete piers hereafter, instead of the wooden structures employed at the present time.

One of the commissioners has been accumulating statistics for many years back which are expected to show that after five years' service a newly-built pier requires an additional expenditure equal to 50 per cent of its original cost in repairs, to bring it up to standard condition again. In other words, the wooden wharves deteriorate 50 per cent in five years' time, and for every year after the first five the rate of deterioration increases rapidly.

Concrete wharf construction has been generally tested throughout the world and found far more satisfactory from the standpoint of durability than frame construction. The original cost of building them is greater, of course, but the expense of repair and maintenance is said to be found so materially reduced that the concrete structures pay back in this way far more than the difference in cost of the old-style piers.

**Permanent Wharves Wanted.**  
The commission will ask the legislature for larger appropriations for wharves, to permit the construction of this kind of pier, and at the same time ask the imposition of a wharfage tax to enable the wharves of the territory to pay back the sinking

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### PINEAPPLE MEN TO SERVE FRUIT TO FAIR VISITORS

Two exhibits, two Hawaiian orchestras and two sets of officials will represent Hawaii within a few blocks of each other at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition.

The announcement of this double representation is made by James D. Dole, president and manager of the Hawaiian Pineapple Company and a member of the Hawaiian Pineapple Packers' Association, on his return from a short visit to the mainland.

The Hawaiian Pineapple Packers' Association will stock a booth in the Horticultural building at the San Francisco fair with products of the islands, especially pineapples. The exhibit will be under the direction of Lloyd Childs, who performed similar functions at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific fair in Seattle.

While a Hawaiian orchestra emits soft and pleasing island airs, Childs and assistants will be serving pineapple products to passers-by in the big Horticultural building. They also will tell visitors about the island.

"We tried to get a location closer to the Hawaiian building, but as it is such a short time to the opening date of the fair we found this impossible," said Mr. Dole. "The best location we could get was in the Horticultural building."

"The exhibit will be run more in the nature of a concession and we will sell in small lots, the products of the islands to fair visitors. We also will get one of the best Hawaiian orchestras to play daily at the stand. For instance, we probably will sell dishes of pineapple at inviting prices."

### For Rent or Lease

One Store, 30x45 ft., Alakea St. Lot 65x100 ft., with barn, Miller St.  
H. E. HENDRICK, LTD.,  
Merchant and Alakea Sts.

### Japan's Premier Resigns to Pave Way For Harmony and Expansion of Army



Premier Count Okuma, veteran Japanese publicist and statesman who ends troublous career as prime minister.

**TOKIO, Japan, Jan. 7.**—Count Shigenobu Okuma, premier of Japan, resigned today as an outcome of the bitter political controversy that caused the dissolution of Parliament a few days ago. Count Kanetake Oura, minister of commerce and agriculture, succeeds him. The changes are due to a desire to strengthen the government at the coming elections. The controversy arose largely over the plan to add two army divisions to the standing army, the government proposal. Count Okuma has been premier for about ten months.

### Did Okuma Resign Two Portfolios?

A special cablegram to the Japanese newspaper Nippo Jiji says that Okuma has resigned as minister of the interior, but says nothing of his resignation as premier. The cablegram is as follows:

"TOKIO, Japan, Jan. 7.—Viscount Oura, former minister of communication, today was appointed minister of the interior by Emperor Yoshihito. H. Kono was appointed minister of communication. For the past several months the office of minister of the interior has been held by Count Okuma."

### Formal Denial Made that Germans Have Arrested Catholic Cardinal

**LONDON, England, Jan. 7.**—The German military governor of Belgium has officially denied that Cardinal Mercier, archbishop of Mechlin, has been arrested. It was reported that the cardinal had been arrested by the German military authorities on a charge of having advised Catholics not to recognize the German military administration.

### KAUAI RAILROAD PLAN ADVANCES; ACTION EXPECTED

Feeling at Capitol That Agreement May be Reached of Benefit to Homesteaders

Plans for the industrial railroad on Kauai to serve Kapaa homesteaders are taking shape quickly now and some definite developments are expected within the next few days, according to a report at the Capitol building this morning.

Land Commissioner Tucker said that J. F. C. Higgins of H. Hackfeld & Co., agents for Lihue plantation, and Frank E. Thompson, attorney representing the plantation, will go to Kauai tonight to look over the situation there. Governor Pinkham said that he has outlined plans to the plantation on which an agreement and early action may be secured. It was reported today that Lihue directors, after an important meeting, are inclined to look upon the recent devel-

opments as pointing toward a feasible plan for the construction of this road.

The details of the railroad scheme have been much discussed for several months past and are rather complex. In fact, two railroad schemes have been in process of discussion. One of these is the plan of Col. Z. S. Spalding of Maake Sugar Company, as outlined in an interview in the Star-Bulletin several weeks ago. Under this plan Col. Spalding would extend the plantation line, which ships from Keala, to serve government and homestead lands. The other scheme is that of Lihue plantation to extend its line. Thus the government lands may be approached from two almost opposite directions. It is the Lihue line that is the subject of local negotiation now.

E. M. Cheatham, Fred R. Tracy and C. E. French, homesteaders in the district needing railroad service, came to Honolulu and have had a conference with the governor. They will probably return tonight. They have nothing to say for publication.

It is reported that Col. Spalding called a meeting of cane-growers a week ago and offered new contracts, to pay \$1 per ton for cane for every cent in the sugar price; that is, with sugar at four cents, he would pay \$4 per ton for cane.

With two railroads possibly competing for shipments and two plantations available as a cane market, the outlook for the homesteader in the Kapaa region is expected to brighten materially.

### BERNSTORFF'S DECLARATION BRINGS DETAILED REPLIES FROM AMERICAN GUN FIRMS

REMINGTON AND WINCHESTER COMPANIES SAY ARE MAKING NEITHER GUNS NOR AMMUNITION FOR USE OF ALLIES—GREAT BRITAIN'S ANSWER TO WILSON'S STAND ON COMMERCE WILL BE WHOLLY CONCILIATORY—FORMALLY DENIED THAT GERMANS HAVE ARRESTED CARDINAL MERCIER—WESTERN ARENA STILL SCENE OF SLOW FIGHTING—FRENCH CABINET PUBLISHES REPORT CHARGING SAVAGE ATROCITIES

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.]

**WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7.**—An emphatic denial is made by American gun and ammunition firms to the charges of Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador, that the Remington and Winchester companies are supplying the Allies with 20,000 so-called riot-guns, 5,000,000 buckshot cartridges and 8,000,000 dum-dum bullets.

Secretary of State Bryan today transmitted the companies' denials. The Winchester company declares that it made no such munitions for anybody. The Remington company says that it made 117,000 soft-nosed bullets and cartridges for game-shooting alone and that this munition is not suitable for any military rifle. It says that 109,000 of these bullets were sold, of which 906 went to Canada and 200 to British East Africa. The remainder were sold in small lots to American buyers. The company is willing to supply the names of all the buyers.

### Great Britain Will Agree to U. S. Government Buying German Ships

**LONDON, England, Jan. 7.**—The reply of Great Britain to the American note demanding an early improvement in the treatment of American shipping is said to be wholly conciliatory in tone. Britain is willing that the American government purchase ships now idle because of the war. England's attitude, it is understood, is that although such purchases would be beneficial to Germans, England is willing for the ships to be purchased provided they are not used in German trade. It will be satisfactory if they are employed in the development of South American commerce.

### Berlin Says French Have Been Driven From Captured Positions In Argonne

**BERLIN, Germany, Jan. 7.**—Official—"Severe fighting continues north of Arras to gain possession of the trenches we captured yesterday. The French have been repulsed in the western forest of Argonne from all the positions they took on Tuesday. Their losses were heavy, ours slight."

"The French again yesterday made a hard attempt to capture the hill west of Sennheim, an important position. Their attack broke under our fire. The hill remains ours in spite of their strong efforts."

"On the east the situation is unchanged. Our attacks are developing slowly in spite of the unfavorable weather, though the movement of troops is hampered by the heavy snows."

### Two Significant Gains Claimed By Paris In Today's Bulletin

**PARIS, France, Jan. 7.**—Today's official bulletin records only negligible episodes in the western fighting, except for two important details.

These are first, further slight gains on the extreme right wing, now reaching two and one-half miles beyond Altkirch, and second, the capture of a portion of the German first-line trenches northwest of Fiery. This latter indicates a hard thrust against the German wedge whose apex is at St. Mihiel.

Rain and mud are reported along almost the entire front, the movements being slow and ineffective.

### French Cabinet Publishes Report Of Commission, Charging Atrocities

**PARIS, France, Jan. 7.**—The French cabinet publishes the report of the official commission named to investigate war atrocities. The commission has found proof that there never has been a war between civilized nations of such a savage character. Pillage, ravishings and murder are ordinary practices, it says. It declares unfounded the German contention that these are justifiable reprisals for outrages upon German troops by civilians of the invaded countries.

The commission reports that the German army is equipped with elaborate apparatus for starting incendiary fires, including torches, grenades, oil-sprayers, inflammable candles and tablets.